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## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) **Transmittal**

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| Application Number                      | 09/960,094  |
| Filing Date                             | 9/21/01   |
| First Named Inventor                    | Masatsugu Nishida                                   |
| Art Unit                                | 2653  |
| Examiner Name                           | Psitos, Aristotelis M.                              |
| Attorney Docket Number                  | 0941.65858  |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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| ii.  | Other  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. 🗸   | Enclosed   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i.   | ✓ Amendment/Reply iii.   | ✓ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ii.  | Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s) iv.   | Other   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| pplicant:                | Masatsugu Nishida  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Serial No.               | 09/960,094   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filed:                   | September 21, 2001   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conf. No.:               | 5078   |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          | IVING SYSTEM, INFORMATION STORAGE<br>TUS AND COIL DRIVING METHOD (AS AMENDED |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art Unit:                | 2653   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Examiner:                | Psitos, Aristotelis M.   |  |  |  |  |  |

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#### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

### Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

|                                    | As         | ] | Previously |   | Present |     |          |   | A   | dditional |
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|                                    | Amended    |   | Paid For   |   | Extra   |     | Rate     |   |     | Fee       |
| Total Claims                       | 20         |   | 20         | = | 0       | x   | \$18.00  | = | \$_ | .00       |
| Independent Claims                 | 3          |   | 3          | = | 0       | x   | \$86.00  | = | \$_ | 00        |
| Fee for Multiple Depende           | ent Claims |   |            |   |         |     | \$290.00 | = | \$_ | .00       |
| Total Additional Fee               |            |   |            |   |         | \$_ | .00      |   |     |           |
| Small Entity Fee (reduced by half) |            |   |            |   |         | \$_ | .00      |   |     |           |

- (X) Request for Continued Examination (RCE), (in duplicate), with a check for \$770.00.
- (X) Preliminary Amendment.
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), with a copy of the German Office Action of February 10, 2004.
- (X) Form PTO-1449, with cited references.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### PATENT APPLICATION

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For:

COIL DRIVING SYSTEM, INFORMATION

STORAGE APPARATUS AND COIL

DRIVING METHOD (as amended)

Art Unit:

2653

Examiner:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed of April 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: